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IN THE HERALD.

Bracketing Kau With Hilo and Hamakua with Kona seems Satisfactory. Some of the "Cheerful Liar's" Views.

The Hawaii Herald thus reports the latest discussion "Around the coffee shops," from which it would appear that Hilo, in the estimation of the Herald, at least, is reconciled to a county division that puts Kau in Hilo county but Hamakua in the other county of the Big Island, if such is to be.

"I see by the papers that you Hilo people are not the whole push when it comes to county government," remarked a young man behind a brilliant red necktie. "I mean by this that Hilo is not to be the county seat for the entire island—the independent party has you on the hip."

"That's what," answered the Early Riser. "Kohala wants Hamakua under her wing and I believe the plan is agreeable to the Hamakua people. That being the case we have no reason to find fault. I've heard some people say that it is very inconvenient for them to a county seat in Honolulu, my own experience has not been the pleasantest on account of the difficulty to obtain rooms. The town is big enough for every day use but when it comes to the circus or the court it falls short of the requirement. None of us can tell what the Legislature will do in the matter; what we read is simply what the Honolulu committee has done."

"Well, we get Kau even if we lose Hamakua," said the Cheerful Liar, "and Kau is no slouch when it comes to business. I don't know just what the people will say for the plan for under present conditions it's a Sabbath day's journey to get from Naelehu to Hilo. Of course, when the Hilo railroad is finished to 22 miles the obstacles in the way of pleasant travel will be overcome. I have reason for believing that within six months we can ride the 22 miles station and pick hear frost from the branches of the ohia trees. Cold? well, I should say so. Why, last Monday the temperature was so low in the Mountain View school house that the scholars were dismissed. I expect there will be an appropriation asked for in the next Legislature for stoves for the upland school houses."

"There will be a good many appropriations asked for and there it will end," remarks the Early Riser. "I know for a fact that a strong petition will be sent down for money with which to extend the Kaimama road so it will join the new Volcano road at the Elberon road. This would save the settlers in that section about seven miles in a trip to Hilo and it would not cost a great deal either. Some of the people up there will drive to town instead of taking the railroad simply because they may want to start an hour or two before the train leaves the upper level. I believe, also, that an effort will be made to have the Peck road extended to intersect the new Volcano road. This would make easy access to the Mountain View station for the commuters who want to come down to Hilo to attend to business. Elberon is going to be a great place for commuters and cars."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.
HILO, February 8.—Arrangements are being made for a celebration of Washington's birthday in Hilo. It is probable that the military will parade with the band and a national salute will be fired. The owners of yachts are making needed repairs to their craft with a view to racing in the morning. Four yachts will contest for a prize. At the termination of the yacht race the three gasoline launches will race for a claret cup. Considerable interest is manifested by men along the waterfront regarding the sailing race. An effort will be made to have it one of the best ever seen from the beach.—Hawaii Herald.

ADDITIONAL CANE AREA.
The Hawaii Herald says: Paul Isenberg, John F. Humburg, and W. Protenhauer, of H. Hackfeld & Company, Ltd., are expected to arrive on the Kinau. It is expected that a decision will be reached during the visit of these gentlemen upon the question of additional area of cane land for the Hilo Portuguese Sugar Mill Co.

A CYNICAL EXPLANATION.
"Why don't you publish your compositions?" asked the admirer. "Because," answered the musician, "there is no possible chance for them. They are not good enough to be great nor bad enough to be popular."—Washington Star.

GOOD NEWS FOR HONOLULU.
Practical Lessons On How To Preserve Hen Fruit.

Eggs are best when stored in a cool, but not very cold place—about 50 to 60 degrees is the best—and with the large and down. We gave this advice as far back as 1872, and considerable testing of it at that time; all our subsequent experience has corroborated its soundness, says a writer in the London Book of Poultry. There is a distinct percentage of better result every way when eggs are stored in this position. If the circumstances are equal, the hen chamber is less expanded when so stored, and even for eating after some weeks there is a perceptible difference in the "freshness" of eggs thus kept. Eggs may be stored in this position either in bran or in a bag of pierced with holes, and if the board or the bran case be covered over by a cover of blanket or sack made to fit and a cool and quiet place is available, the very best will be done for the eggs. The covering over is not to keep them warm but to prevent draught which increases evaporation of the fluid contents and enlarges the air chamber. This process we want to retard as much as possible.

It is often desired to preserve summer eggs for winter use, and there are several methods of doing so. Some housekeepers smear them all over with butter and in France they similarly use olive oil in which a little beeswax is dissolved or melted. The latter is the better of the two, butter becoming rancid. Others bed the eggs in dry salt packed tightly round and over them; kept this way they do fairly even for boiling up to six or eight months. Solidly in a wooden box, they will keep well several months, draught and evaporation being prevented.

Another plan is to pack them in saturated salt brine; this way they keep quite "good" a long while, but become rather hard and the white perceptibly solid. For eggs to be kept any length of time, however, there is no doubt that the best preservative medium is a solution compounded of lime, salt and cream of tartar. Different people use slightly different proportions; a very good recipe is as follows: Carefully slake and then pour the rest of two gallons of water (other quantities being in

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proportions) upon one pound and a half of quicklime; then add ten ounces of salt and two ounces of cream of tartar. Stir at intervals and leave to temper together for a few days; then pour off the clear liquor, and imbibe the eggs in it as closely as possible, keeping always well covered with liquid. A jar of spare liquid should always be ready to fill up as required. Whatever process be used, it is important to store or treat the eggs the same day as laid, if they are fertile eggs. But there is no doubt at all, and it has been proved by many experiments, that sterile eggs, laid by hens without a mate, keep considerably better than fertile ones.

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